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Serial No. 09/834,623

Docket No.: 1095.1182

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroyuki SUZUKI, et al.

Serial No. 09/834,623

Group Art Unit: 2624

Confirmation No. 3910

Filed: April 16, 2001

Examiner: Thompson, James A.

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A final Office Action was mailed on July 11, 2005 setting a period for response due on October 11, 2005. An After Final Response was filed on November 14, 2005 (November 11, 2005 falling on a Federal Holiday). An Advisory Action was mailed November 29, 2005 in response to the After Final Response filed November 14, 2005. The following remarks are submitted in response to the Advisory Action Response to Arguments. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith along with a Petition for a 2-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, thereby extending the period for response to December 12, 2005 (December 11, 2005 falling on a Sunday). Entry of the RCE and this Response and consideration of the remarks herein as well as reconsideration of the remarks in the After Final Response filed on November 14, 2005 is respectfully requested.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.